Siding Track Of Kribhco

1920. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) looking to industrial growth of the area around Hajira Port, whether the Railways connect Hajira Port to its hinterland;

whether Government would consider extending the siding track of KRIBHCO up to Hajira; and

if so, the proposed time-frame for completion of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The proposed connection to Hajira Port is a part of National Rail Vikas Yojana.

As per the tech no-economic feasibility survey, the new line is proposed parallel to the existing KRIBHCO siding.

The construction will be taken up on completion of the project development, agreement of strategic partners in financial participation and sanction of the project. At present, the project development is in progress.

Appointment On Compassionate Grounds

1921. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been submitted by the Member of Parliament during the period from June to August, 2004 to the Hon'ble Minister for Railways and General Manager, Northern Railways regarding appointment on compassionate grounds against the missing person working in railway from Ajitwal Railway Station, Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending with the Ministry/ headquarter; and

(c) the reasons for delay in appointments on compassionate grounds